



# REPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

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## DoD Helps Tribes Report Environmental Impacts on Indian Lands

**T**hrough the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP or Indian Lands Program), the Department of Defense (DoD) is gathering information on past military activities on Indian lands and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) conveyed properties. This fact sheet provides information on what DoD is doing to collect information on environmental impacts.

### Why is Reporting Environmental Impacts Important?

To ensure operational readiness in defense of our nation, DoD conducted activities which have impacted Native American health and safety, as well as tribal economic, social, and cultural welfare. Although DoD cleanup programs have addressed many high risk sites on tribal lands, not all of these environmental impacts resulting from past military operations are being addressed. Because of this situation, Congress has expressed concern and has directed special funding to address impacts of significance to the tribes.



*John Hostak, former Director of the Isleta Environment Department (left) and Pearl Yeast, Tecumseh Professional Associates, Inc. conduct a site visit on the Pueblo of Isleta, where unexploded ordnance is one of the issues being addressed.*

*As part of the Indian Lands Program, DoD conducts site assessments on tribal lands to determine environmental impacts. DoD anticipates that on-going investigations and additional tribal reports will portray a clearer picture of the nature and extent of reported impacts.*

When such funding is available, DoD will review potential impacts reported in the Native American Environmental Tracking System (NAETS). DoD bases funding decisions on information available as a result of its ongoing information gathering efforts and consultation with federally recognized tribes. Before any formal decisions are made, DoD will consult with the affected tribal government concerning various options for addressing their impacts.

In addition, environmental impacts to Indian lands may be mitigated under other DoD or federal agency environmental programs, as projects meet those eligibility requirements.

### What Do You Do if You Believe You Have Environmental Impacts as a Result of Past DoD Military Activities?

DoD wants to know about potential environmental impacts on Indian lands that may result from past military activities. If you believe you have an environmental impact on Indian land, your tribal government should contact the local or regional Army Corps of Engineers FUDS Office, the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program Manager, or report directly to NAETS at <http://www.denix/Publicnative/native.html>. A list of FUDS District Offices and telephone numbers is enclosed with this brochure.

### What Information Should You Provide?

To assist in identifying the environmental impact, please be prepared to provide the following information:

- ➔ Tribe/Village name
- ➔ Location of affected area — a legal description or latitude and longitude coordinates would be helpful, if available
- ➔ Approximate size of affected area
- ➔ Description of damages/impacts

- ➔ Evidence of military involvement, such as:
  - markings noted on drums, cans, and equipment
  - oral histories/anecdotal information describing the military operations or installation.

## What Will the Army Corps of Engineers FUDS Office Do With Your Report?

The Army Corps of Engineers will review its own records of impacts on Indian/ANCSA lands to see what additional information may already be available. DoD will contact your tribal government to update them on the status of the investigation.

- ➔ If the impact/project is *not* part of the current FUDS Program, the Army Corps of Engineers will determine whether it is eligible to be included in that program.
- ➔ If it is eligible for the FUDS Program, the Army Corps of Engineers will continue to work with the tribal government in addressing the impact.
- ➔ If the reported impact is not eligible for funding under the FUDS Program, however, the Army Corps of Engineers will assist the tribal government in obtaining other resources that may be appropriate to address the reported impact, including the limited funding provided by Congress for the DoD Indian Lands Program.



*GPS field technician Dorothy Tobacco (left) and Director Emma Featherman-Sam (center standing) of the Oglala Sioux Badlands Bombing Range Project and Army Corps of Engineers personnel (right) inspect ordnance debris found in the range.*

- ➔ If the reported impact is eligible for the Indian Lands Program, DoD will work with the tribal government to investigate the alleged environmental damage.

## Where Can You Get More Information?

The Army Corps of Engineers FUDS District Office is your primary point of contact. If your tribe needs additional information please contact Kimberly Dailey at the FUDS Headquarters Office (202-761-5145) or John Stacy, ODUSD(ES) Native American Lands Program Manager (703-604-1747).

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